

PROGRAM CONTENT

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CDF has adopted the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program or a like program that is approved by the Region Chief. It is not intended to be a CDF stand-a-lone program. The program works with parents, law enforcement, fire departments and health service professionals to intervene in the firesetting activities of youths from the age of 0-17.

The program is contained in the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Handbook and a set of five publications (Executive Summary, Guidelines for Implementation, Juvenile Firesetter Early Intervention Program, Program Trainer's Guide, and User's Guide). This allows for the development of a juvenile firesetter prevention-training workshop that can prepare the various agency professionals who work with juvenile firesetters. These publications delineate a comprehensive Youthful Firesetters Intervention Program that has proven effective in correcting youthful firesetting behaviors.

Unit Chiefs will ensure that all preadolescent- and adolescent-ignited fires are appropriately reviewed and that proper intervention actions are taken to assist in preventing future firesetting activity. To assist in identifying the youthful firesetter for whom intervention is necessary the document Playing-With-Fire Checklist will be completed on every preadolescent- and adolescent-caused fire. The Playing-With-Fire Checklist will be attached to every LE-66 and/or referred to the appropriate supervisor or Unit Fire Prevention Bureau that has the responsibility of ensuring program compliance.

Each unit headquarters, region office, CDF Academy and Sacramento headquarters will keep a complete set of Firesetters Handbooks for program use. Additional Firesetters Handbooks can be ordered through FEMA; address correspondence to:

United States Fire Administration
Publications Center
16825 South Seaton Avenue
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727

Web Site: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/usfapubs>
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